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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Berkeley – Campus Braces for Unrest Despite Coulter Cancellation

(U) Police at the University of California at Berkeley braced for potential clashes between militant left-wing and right-wing activists today, despite conservative commentator Ann Coulter dropping plans to address students at the campus. Coulter said yesterday that she no longer intended to defy university officials by addressing UC Berkeley students on campus this week. But Coulter left open the possibility of paying a visit to her supporters at the school. UC Berkeley officials said classes would be held as scheduled. But campus police Captain Alex Yao told a news conference that his department would maintain "a highly visible presence" on Thursday, pointing to continued threats of violent protests.

SOURCE: 27 April 2017, [Reuters](#)

#### (U) Vacaville – Vehicle Fire Leads to Possible Hate Crime Investigation

(U) On 24 April, the Vacaville Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire near downtown Vacaville. The car was engulfed in flames and was destroyed by the fire. Prior to the fire, someone spray-painted KKK on the side of the car. The owner of a nearby gas station didn't want to go on camera, but told us the car belongs to his wife. The owner of the car hasn't had any problems with anyone in the neighborhood and doesn't know why the car was targeted. However, before the car was set on fire, someone also tagged the wall of the gas station, again spray-painting KKK. Police are looking into the car fire as a possible hate crime.

SOURCE: 25 April 2017, [FOX 40](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Delaware – Suspect in State Police Trooper Murder Shot and Killed by Law Enforcement

(U) Middletown – The suspect wanted in the killing of a Delaware State Trooper is dead, police say. Authorities say around 9:17 am local time, the suspect exited the residence and engaged police. He was then shot and killed by law enforcement. The Delaware State Trooper was shot while investigating what's being described as a suspicious vehicle at a Wawa in Bear, Delaware yesterday. One of the two men in the car was arrested at the scene. The other had run away and was barricaded inside of his home.

SOURCE: 27 April 2017, [CBS Philly](#)

### (U) INTERNATIONAL

#### (U) China – China Tried to Hack Group Linked to Controversial Missile Defense System

(U) Beijing– A cybersecurity firm in the United States believes state-sponsored Chinese hackers were trying to infiltrate an organization with connections to a US-built missile system in South Korea that Beijing firmly opposes. "China uses cyber espionage pretty regularly when Chinese interests are at stake to better understand facts on the ground," John Hultquist, the director of cyber espionage analysis at FireEye, told CNN's News Stream. The statement reiterated China's opposition to Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) and called on the US and South Korea to halt its deployment. Yesterday the top

US commander in the Pacific said the defense system would be operational in days. When asked if the group could be North Koreans posing as Chinese hackers, Hultquist said his team has gathered plenty of evidence to prove the group's origins, including their use of the Chinese language.

SOURCE: 27 April 2017, [CNN](#)

**(U) France – Counter-Terrorism Unit Probes Shooting Attack on Police**

(U) La Reunion – French authorities launched a counter-terrorism investigation after two police officers were shot and wounded today by an assailant on the French overseas territory of La Reunion. Police on the Indian Ocean island said the gunman, described as a "dangerous individual", was arrested and the French interior minister said weapons and ingredients for making Molotov cocktails were later found at his apartment.

SOURCE: 27 April 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Germany – Police Arrest Soldier Suspected of Planning Attack**

(U) Offenbach – German police have arrested an army officer suspected of planning an attack, the prosecutor's office in the city of Frankfurt said today, giving no details on the potential target, motive or weapons he had planned to use. The 28-year-old lieutenant, a German citizen who serves with a German army brigade stationed in the French town of Illkirch was arrested yesterday in the Bavarian city of Offenbach. Police in Germany, France, and Austria searched 16 properties in connection with the investigation "over suspicions of preparing a severe attack, breaching gun laws and deceit". They seized mobile phones, laptops and written documents.

SOURCE: 27 April 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Spain – Authorities Arrest Two Jihadist Linked to ISIS**

(U) Teulada – Spanish authorities said yesterday that they had arrested an Egyptian suspected of facilitating the return of jihadists from Iraq and Syria and a Spaniard who allegedly recruited people for Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS). The arrests in the southeastern city of Teulada and the enclave of Ceuta in northern Morocco came a day after Spanish police detained four men with alleged links to people involved in the Brussels airport and metro attacks last year.

SOURCE: 26 April 2017, [The Local Es](#)

**(U) Somalia – Al-Shabaab Kills Senior National Security Officer**

(U) Mogadishu – Somalia's al-Shabaab gunmen shot and killed a senior national intelligence officer in front of his own house in the capital Mogadishu today. The security officer, who was involved in conducting security operations against the group, was sitting in front of his house without his body guards when armed militants shot him to death. Al-Shabaab, which is waging an increasingly deadly campaign of bombings despite losing most of its territory to African Union peacekeepers supporting the Somali government, claimed responsibility.

SOURCE: 27 April 2017, [Reuters](#)

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